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## **VIA ELECTRONIC FILING**

Jocelyn G. Boyd, Esquire Chief Clerk & Administrator Public Service Commission of South Carolina 101 Executive Center Drive, Suite 100 Columbia, South Carolina 29210

Re: Application of Airus, Incorporated for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Provide Facilities-Based Local Exchange and Resold Long Distance Telecommunications Services and for Flexible Regulation of Its Local Exchange Services and Alternative Regulation of Its Long Distance Service Offerings Within the State of South Carolina

Docket No. 2017-363-C

Dear Ms. Boyd:

The South Carolina Office of Regulatory Staff ("ORS") reviewed the Application of Airus, Incorporated (the "Company") and does not oppose the Public Service Commission of South Carolina ("Commission") granting the Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to provide resold and facilities-based local exchange and interexchange telecommunications services in South Carolina. ORS respectfully requests that it be permitted to be excused from the hearing in this matter.

By copy of this letter we are serving all parties of record. Thank you for your consideration regarding our request. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

C. Lessie Hammonds

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